

**COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA ITEM TRANSMITTAL**

(1) DEPARTMENT General Services Agency	(2) MEETING DATE 12/17/2013	(3) CONTACT/PHONE Larry laquinto 805-781-5209	
(4) SUBJECT Request to approve a resolution authorizing 1. acceptance of a grant award for \$10,000 under the National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA), Recreational Boating and Fishing Foundation (RBFF) and the Take Me Fishing™ initiative for the purpose of acquiring interpretive supplies and outdoor education equipment and 2. the General Services Agency Director or designee to submit and sign grant documents; and approve a corresponding budget adjustment.			
(5) RECOMMENDED ACTION It is recommended that the Board: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Approve the resolution accepting the award of grant funding under the National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA), Recreational Boating and Fishing Foundation (RBFF) and Take Me Fishing™ initiative, and authorizing the General Services Agency Director or her designee to submit and sign grant related documents; and</li> <li>2. Approve a budget adjustment in the amount of \$10,000 by a four-fifths vote.</li> </ol>			
(6) FUNDING SOURCE(S) NRPA RBFF Grant	(7) CURRENT YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT \$10,000	(8) ANNUAL FINANCIAL IMPACT \$0.00	(9) BUDGETED? No
(10) AGENDA PLACEMENT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consent <input type="checkbox"/> Presentation <input type="checkbox"/> Hearing (Time Est. ____ ) <input type="checkbox"/> Board Business (Time Est. ____ )			
(11) EXECUTED DOCUMENTS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Resolutions <input type="checkbox"/> Contracts <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinances <input type="checkbox"/> N/A			
(12) OUTLINE AGREEMENT REQUISITION NUMBER (OAR)  N/A		(13) BUDGET ADJUSTMENT REQUIRED? BAR ID Number: 1314073 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4/5 Vote Required <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	
(14) LOCATION MAP N/A	(15) BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT? No	(16) AGENDA ITEM HISTORY <input type="checkbox"/> N/A    Date: <u>8/9/2011</u>	
(17) ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE REVIEW  Emily Jackson			
(18) SUPERVISOR DISTRICT(S) All Districts -			

# County of San Luis Obispo



TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: General Services Agency / Larry Iaquinto 805-781-5209

DATE: 12/17/2013

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## **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Board:

1. Approve the resolution accepting the award of grant funding under the National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA), Recreational Boating and Fishing Foundation (RBFF) and Take Me Fishing™ initiative, and authorizing the General Services Agency Director or her designee to submit and sign grant related documents; and
2. Approve a budget adjustment in the amount of \$10,000 by a four-fifths vote.

## **DISCUSSION**

The National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA) and the Recreational Boating and Fishing Foundation (RBFF) provide grant funding for projects that build and sustain programs and opportunities such as County Parks' *Discovering the Environment through Education and Recreation* (DEER) program. The DEER program engages young people ages 6 through 17 and their families in various recreational opportunities including fishing and boating. San Luis Obispo County Parks has again been selected to receive a \$10,000 grant for the DEER Program and allow for the incorporation of the Take Me Fishing™ Initiative's Passport to Fishing and Boating.

According to the Parks and Recreation Element of the San Luis Obispo General Plan, County Parks Mission is to ensure diversified opportunities for recreation and the personal enrichment of the County's residents and visitors while protecting its natural, cultural and historic resources. The DEER program is one of the services provided to the community to achieve this goal and the NRPA \$10,000 grant would serve as important financial support.

NRPA notified County Parks of their selection for this grant on November 6, 2013 and the requirement to sign the related Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on or before November 22, 2013. Due to the quick turnaround time and the Board's schedule in November, there was not an opportunity to bring an item to the Board to accept the grant funds in advance of the November 22<sup>nd</sup> deadline. To avoid the potential loss of the \$10,000 grant award, the General Services Agency Director signed the MOU between the NRPA and County Parks prior to Board approval.

County Parks, San Luis Obispo Parks, Open Space and Trails Foundation (SLOPOST); and a collaboration of other community organizations support the DEER program with volunteerism, camping supplies, materials and equipment. This grant opportunity will help support these costs and allow staff to serve additional community members. The DEER program includes classroom education for local elementary school children, educational opportunities at large public events such as the Mid-State Fair and the Outdoor Discovery Festival and interpretive hikes and fireside talks at campgrounds. In addition, groups of up to 12 youth will be accommodated on each DEER Program weekend to one of four park campgrounds: Lopez Lake Recreation Area, Santa Margarita Lake Recreation Area, El Chorro Regional Park, or

Oceano Regional Park. The NRPA grant monies provided will help us meet recreational needs on an ongoing basis.

#### **OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT/IMPACT**

Volunteers of Friends of Lopez Lake, Central Coast Salmon Enhancement and SLOPOST have committed to assist in providing the DEER program services if the grant funds are received. County Counsel has provided review of the MOU between the NRPA and San Luis Obispo County Parks as to form and legal effect.

#### **FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

The DEER Program is primarily funded through the Habitat Conservation Grant with County Parks providing an equal match through planned services budgeted for the program. Accepting the NRPA grant will add \$10,000 to the County Parks operating budget. Declining the grant would prevent the opportunity to supplement the operations budget and serve additional people. Acceptance of the grant will have no impact to the County's General Fund.

If approved, the \$10,000 grant will be used to acquire and maintain outdoor education supplies and equipment. A 25% match is required for the grant funds. The Friends of Lopez Lake are committed to providing funds to meet the required 25% grant match for the DEER program. In addition, work hours and costs previously designated for outdoor education may also be used to match NRPA grant funding. This grant also serves as a match for the Habitat Conservation Grant previously awarded to San Luis Obispo County Parks. The Habitat Conservation Grant is a five year, \$193,800 grant solely used for the implementation of the DEER program.

#### **RESULTS**

Accepting the recommended grant award under the National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA), Recreational Boating and Fishing Foundation (RBFF) and the Take Me Fishing™ initiative will benefit the community by enhancing opportunities for our local youth to recreate in a safe environment creating awareness and appreciation for protecting and conserving our natural resources, parks and open spaces. This \$10,000 grant will assist County Parks DEER program in meeting the Board's goals of providing a safe, healthy and livable community.

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

1. Board Resolution